Service Date: January 3, 1980

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

In the Matter of the Application)	
of the TOWN OF STEVENSVILLE for)	DOCKET NO. 6744
authority to adopt Increased Sewer Rates.)	DEFAULT ORDER NO.4597

On October 25, 1979, the TOWN OF STEVENSVILLE (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order authorizing the Applicant to increase its sewer rates to provide additional revenue to defray increased costs of operation to maintain, and repair, the sewer utility facilities.

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by Applicant in support of its application and deeming itself fully advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. A Notice of Proposed Public Hearing to be held, if requested, was published in the November 12, 1979 edition of the Ravalli Republic Hamilton, Montana and the November 12, 1979, edition of the Missoulian, Missoula, Montana. The notice states that if no requests for a public hearing were received by December 7, 1979, an appropriate order may be issued based upon evidence submitted with the application.
 - 2. No requests for a hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.
- 3. On August 27, 1979, the entire Town Council of the City of Stevensville passed Resolution No. 49 setting sewer rates at the proposed level.
- 4. The City alleges it needs additional revenue to defray increased costs of operation to maintain, and repair, the sewer utility facilities.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings in this matter.
- 2. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

1. The following monthly rates are authorized:

Non-Industrial users rate based on average flow of 23,000 gallons per month - \$5.00 per month and 25¢ per, 1,000 gallons over 23,000.

Average household users	\$ 5.00 per month
Cafes	10.00 per month
Laundermats	50.00 per month
Schools (3 buildings)	150.00 per month
Gas Stations	10.00 per month
Bars	5.00 per month
No. Valley Nursing Home	50.00 per month
Stevi Rest Home	30.00 per month

- 2. The approved rates shall be effective for all sewer services rendered on and after January 1, 1980.
- 3. The Applicant shall file a certification of compliance for water and sewer with the President's Council on Wage and Price Stability (COWPS)

Done In Open Session by a vote of 5 to 0 at a meeting of the Montana Public Service Commission held December 10, 1979, in Helena, Montana 59601.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

Gordon E. Bollinger, Chairman
Clyde Jarvis, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner
James R. Shea, Commissioner
George Turman, Commissioner

NOTE: You may be entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion for Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days from the service of this order. If a Motion for Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon the entry of a ruling on that motion, or upon the passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. cf. the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, esp. Sec. 2-4-702, MCA; and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38-2.2(64)-P2750, ARM.

ATTEST:

Madeline L. Cottrill Commission Secretary

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